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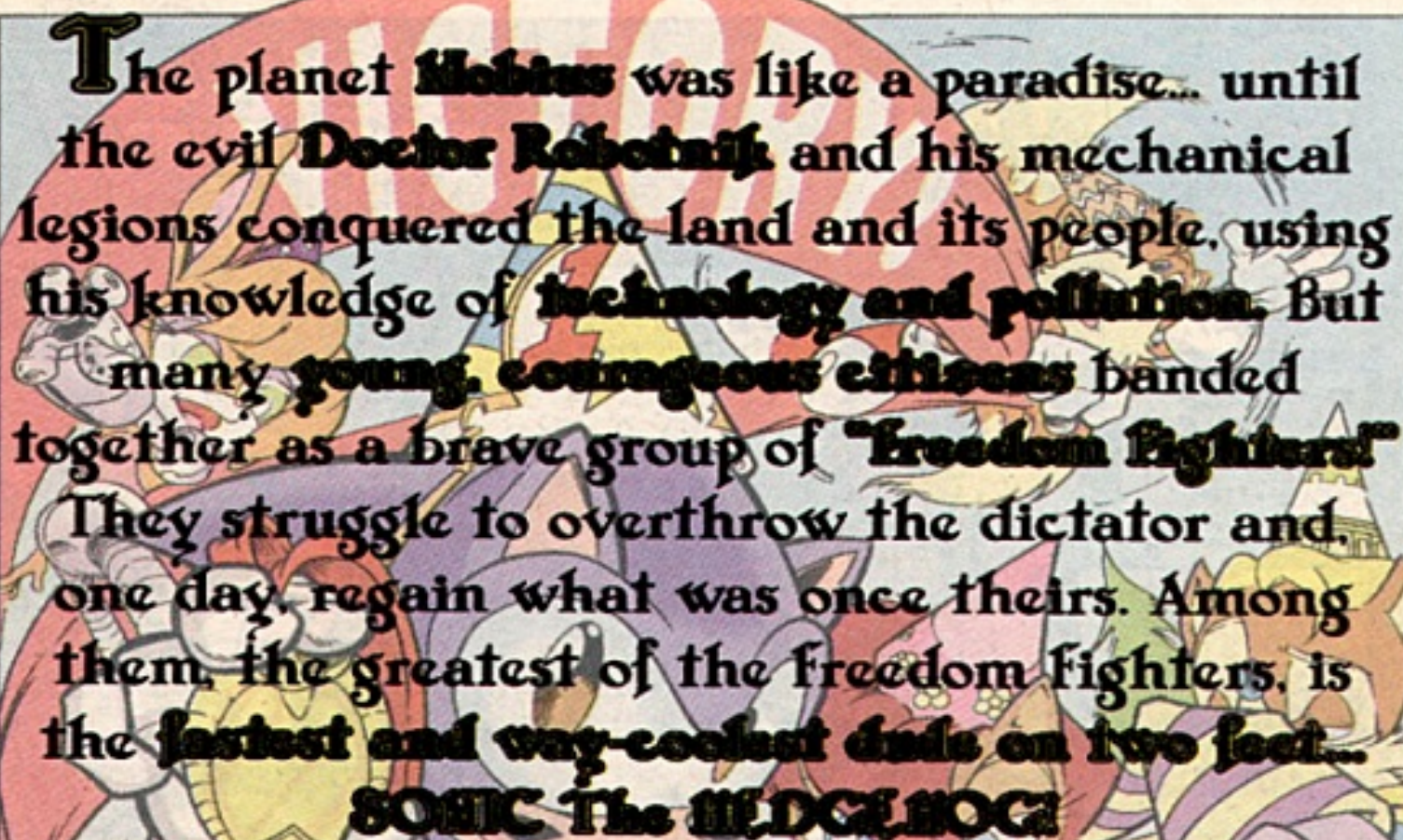
SONIC THE EDGEHOG VICTORY!



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The planet **Mobius** was like a paradise... until the evil **Doctor Robotnik** and his mechanical legions conquered the land and its people, using his knowledge of **technology and pollution**. But many **young, courageous citizens** banded together as a brave group of "**Freedom Fighters**!" They struggle to overthrow the dictator and, one day, regain what was once theirs. Among them, the greatest of the Freedom Fighters, is the **fastest and way-coolest dude on two feet... SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!**

But now, with Robotnik's seeming **demise**, the freedom-fighting band of **'bot-fighting rebels** who brought an end to his tyrannical reign of **techno-terror**, can finally enjoy a **long-awaited peace...** or can they? Read closely, **speed freaks** 'cause only **Sonic The Hedgehog** can answer that question for you!

The **celebration** is already underway! Let's join the Freedom Fighters as they corner Sonic away from the other villagers...

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

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PART I

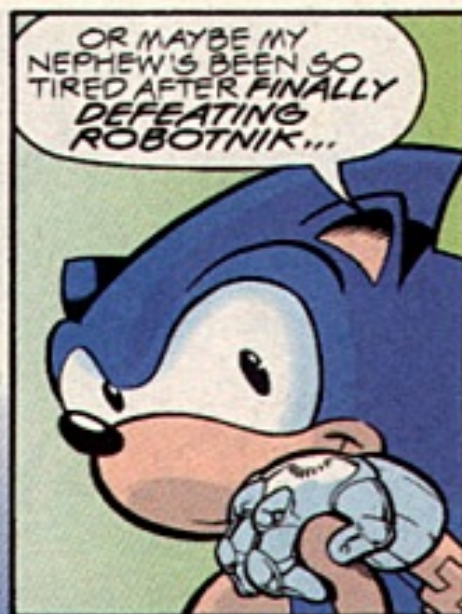
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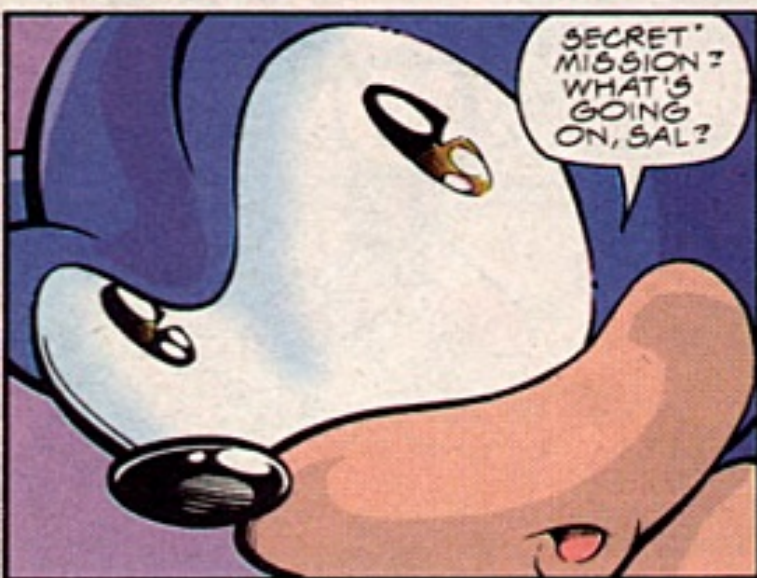
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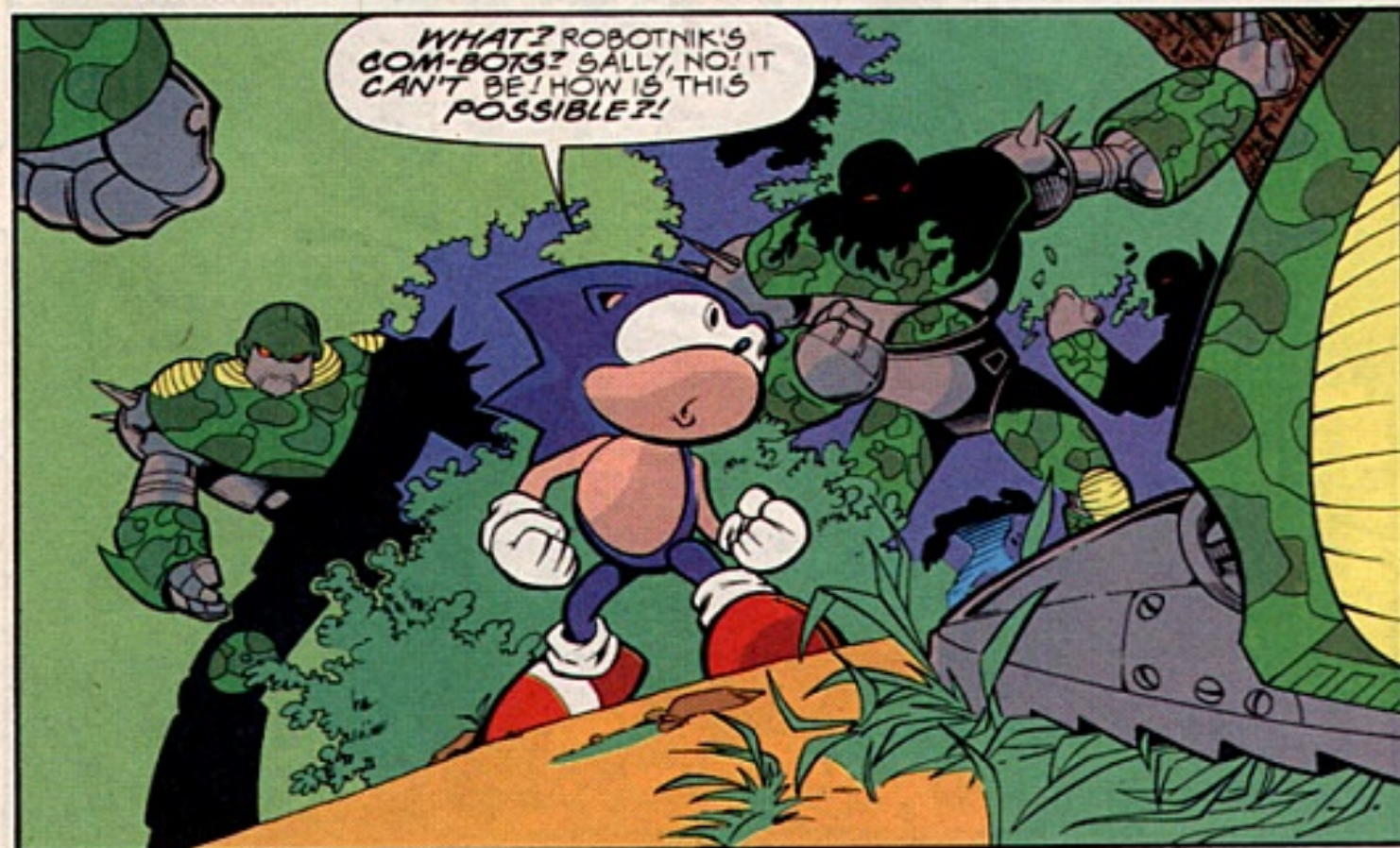
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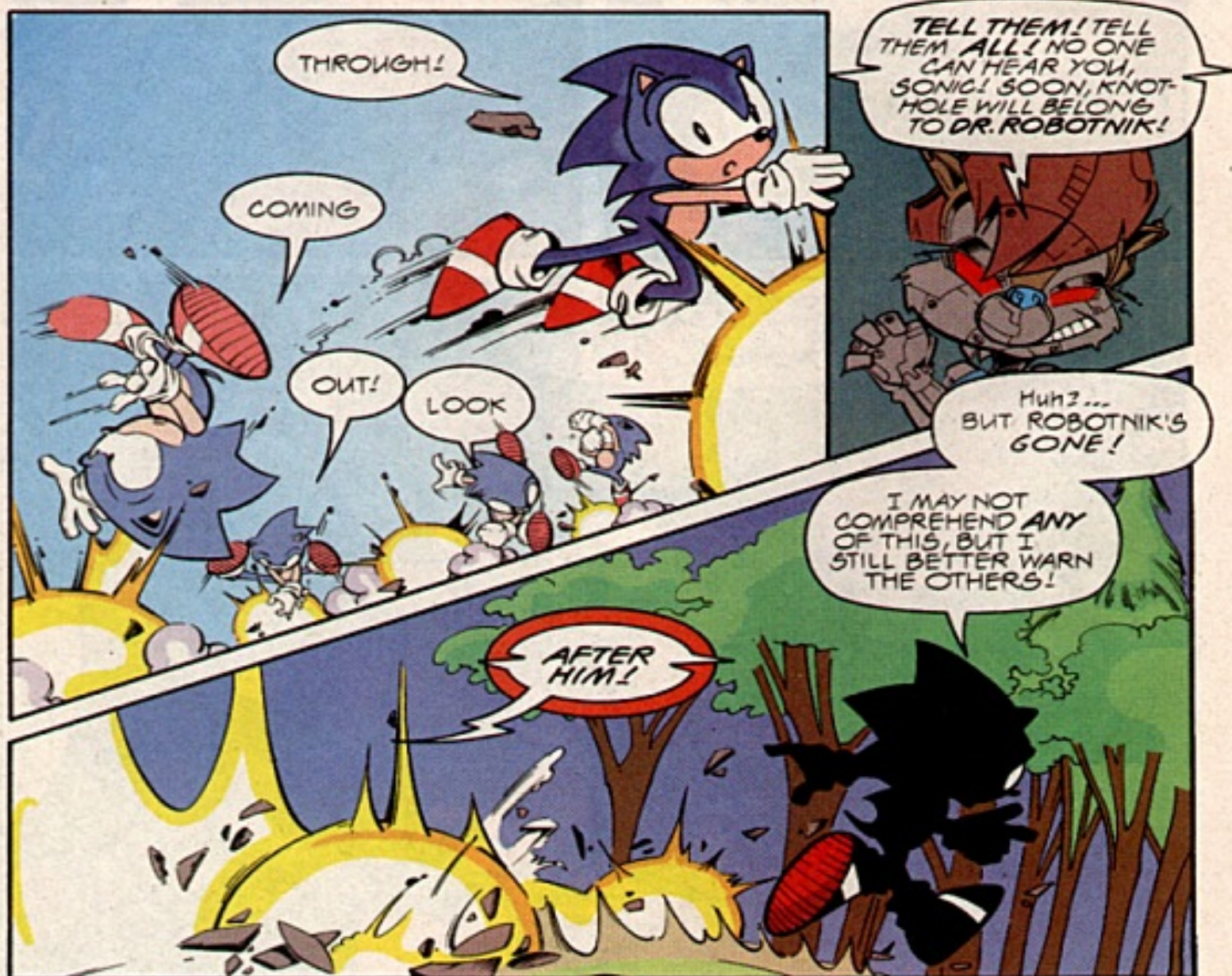
WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS DAY OUR WHOLE LIVES, SONIC! AND IT COULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED WITHOUT YOU!

I'M SPEECHLESS, SAL! THIS CELEBRATION IS WAY COOL! BUT WHY AREN'T WE CELEBRATING WITH THE REST OF THE VILLAGE AT THE MEETING AREA?









SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

reality BYTES

PART 2

TAILS!

HOLD TIGHT,
SONIC! THESE
CREEPS MEAN
BUSINESS!

HASTA
LA VISTA,
MEESTAH!

THE BAD NEWS IS *SOMEONE'S* TAKEN OVER OL' *ROBUTTNIK'S* SPOT AND *ROBOTICIZED* SALLY! THE *WORSE* NEWS IS THAT THEY'RE HEADED FOR *KNOTHOLE*!

WHAT THE HECK?!

POP
FIZZLE
POP

WELL, WELL, WELL... IF IT ISN'T *LAST* YEAR'S MODEL OF *ROBOTNIK'S* MUTANT *DRAGONFLIES*...

"...COMPLETE WITH SOME-OLD AFTERBURNERS..."

"...NO-LONGER-STATE-OF-THE-ART LASER CANNONS..."

"...AND A DEEP-ROOTED *HATRED* OF HEDGEHOGS!"





THINK!
THINK!
THINK!

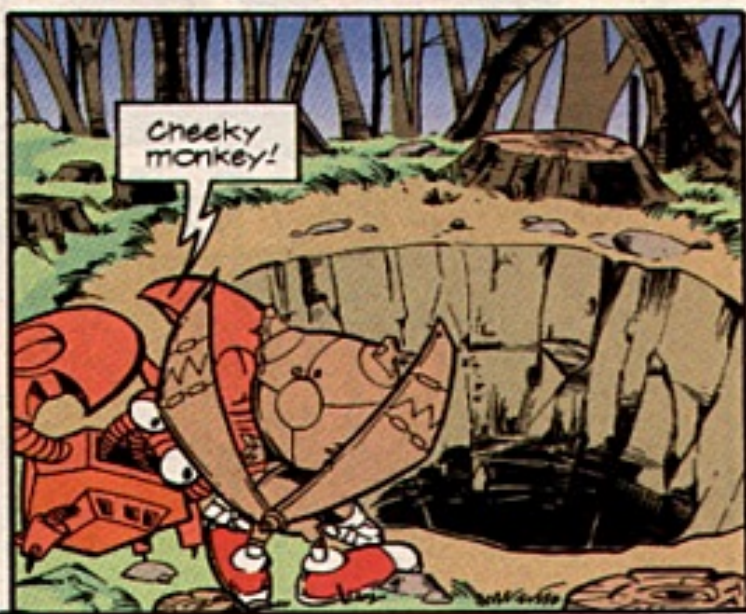


THOOM

yip!



WHAT HAPPENED,
CRABMEAT?! WHERE'D
HE GO?!



Cheeky
monkey!

SO THIS SOMEONE'S
GOT TO TAILS TOO, HUH?
WELL, THEY ALL **FORGOT**
ABOUT THE OL'
TRIPLE S!

AND AFTER ALL,
UNDERGROUND IS A
HEDGEHOG'S NATURAL
HABIT--

WHAT THE HECK
IS **HAPPENING** TO
ME?! FIRST, MY BEST
FRIENDS **BETRAY**
ME--

--NOW I
KEEP SEEING
VISIONS
OF **UNC!**

IT'S **GOT** TO
BE ANOTHER TRICK!
I WON'T LOOK!

GOTTA
KEEP GOING
ON!

VROOOOM!

IF MY
CALCULATIONS
ARE RIGHT, I
SHOULD COME
UP NEAR THE
HOT SPRING!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

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BUNNIE! ARE YOU OKAY? WHAT THE HECK HAPPENED TO YOUR LEG?

EVERYONE'S GONE **SCREWY**, SONIC! THE PRINCESS! TAILS! EVEN YOUR UNCLE!

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PART 3

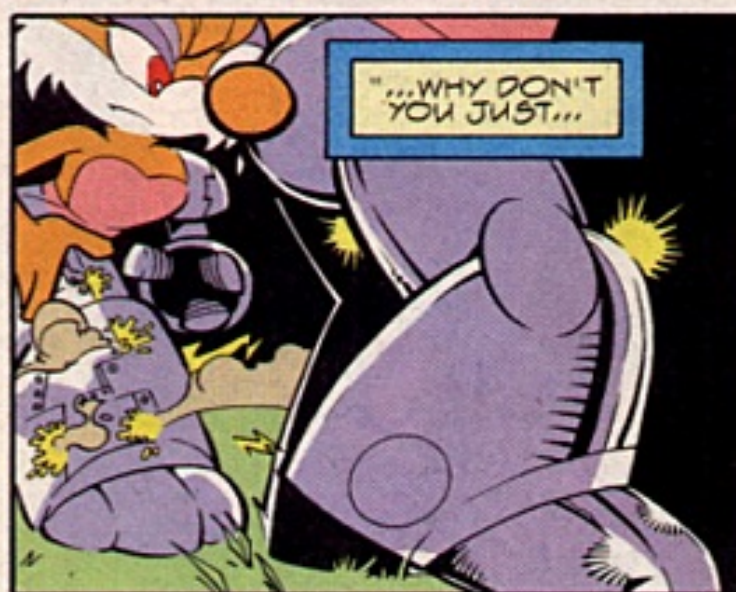
YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL **ME!** HERE... CAN YOU WALK ON IT?

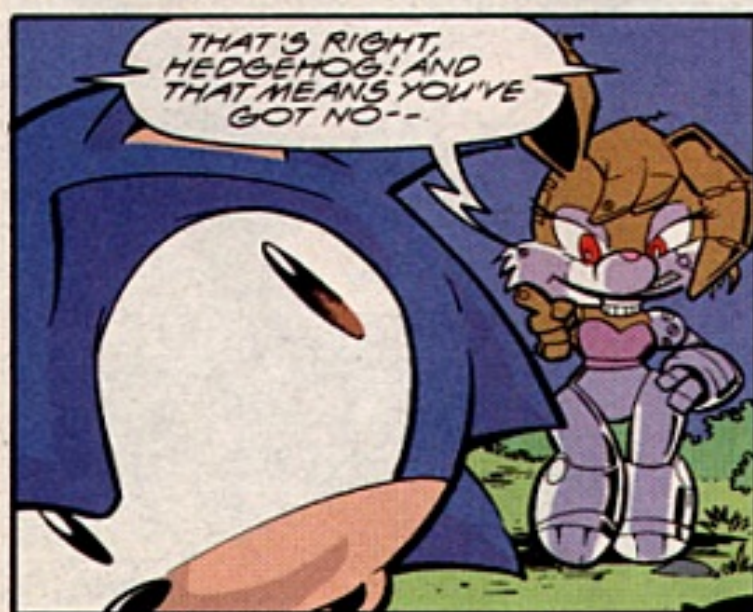
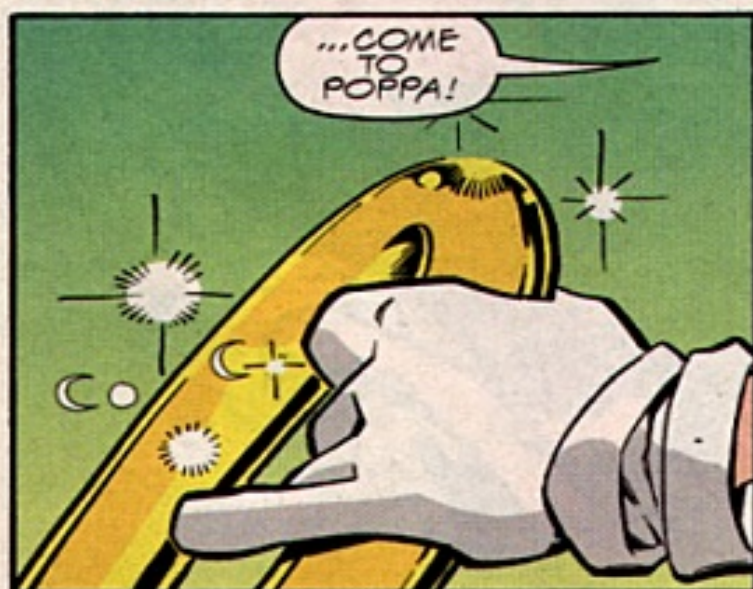
I THINK SO...

A HOLOGRAPHIC IMAGE OF YOUR UNCLE JUST APPEARED OUT OF **NOWHERE** AND SHOT LASER BEAMS AT ME!

BUT WAIT!

I SAW THE SAME PROJECTION A MINUTE AGO! **HOW** COULD IT HAVE ATTACKED YOU JUST NOW?





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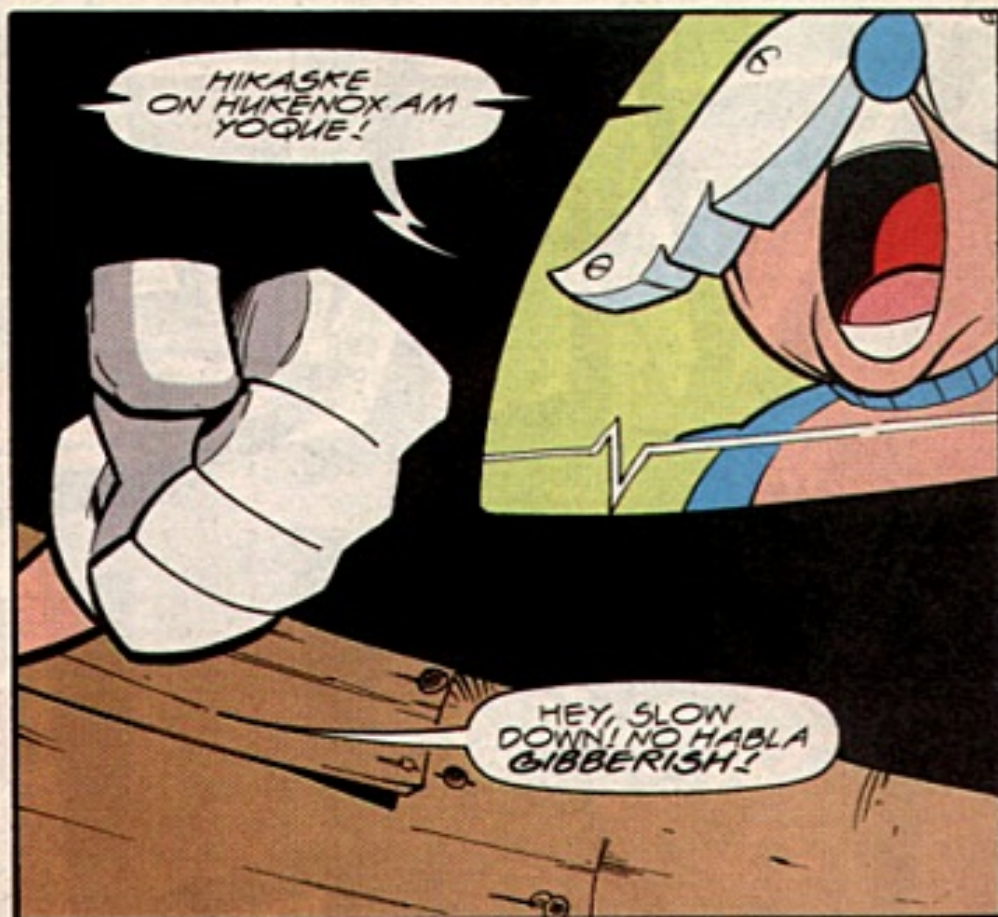
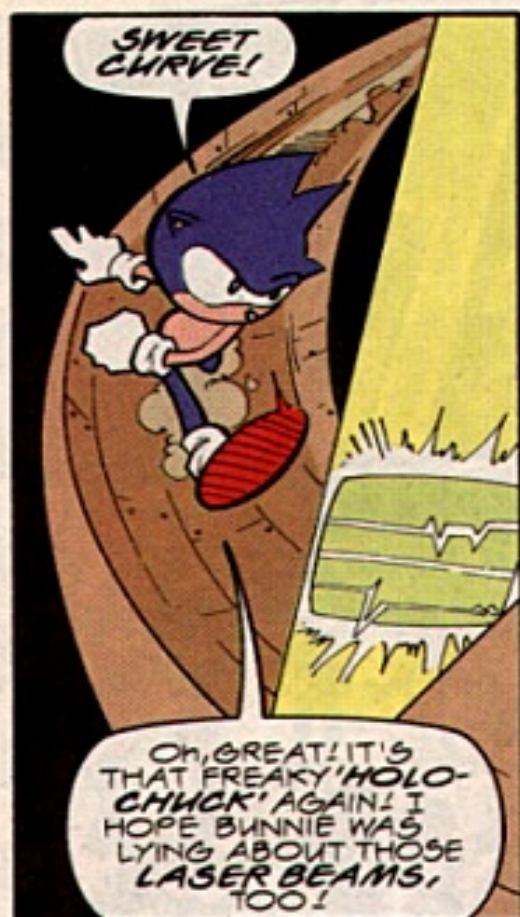


MINUTES
LATER...

FINALLY
MADE IT! AT LAST!
KNOTHOLE!

IT SEEMED LIKE
EVERYONE AND THEIR
ROBOT DUPLICATE
HAS TRIED TO STOP ME
FROM GETTING HERE!
WELL, HERE GOES
SOMETHIN'!

THE
FLY
DIP!



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SONIC



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Barksdale



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"Hysteria"
Miyamoto
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AN, SONIC! I'VE WAITED FOR THIS
MOMENT A LONG TIME! I FINALLY
HAVE KNOTHOLE...

...AND NOW I'VE
CAPTURED YOU, AS WELL,
DESPITE YOUR VALIANT
EFFORTS! HOW DOES
IT FEEL TO HAVE EGG
ON YOUR FACE?

HAHAHAHAHA HAHA

WHATEVER YOUR
PLAN IS, BUTTNIK, IT
WON'T WORK AND BAD
PUNS WON'T HELP
YOU EITHER!

IT SEEMS THAT
OUR SPIKEY FRIEND
ISN'T WILLING TO
ACCEPT REALITY!
I MEAN WHAT'S SO
HARD TO SWALLOW?

"EVEN ALL OF YOUR
FRIENDS HAVE SEEN
THE LIGHT!"

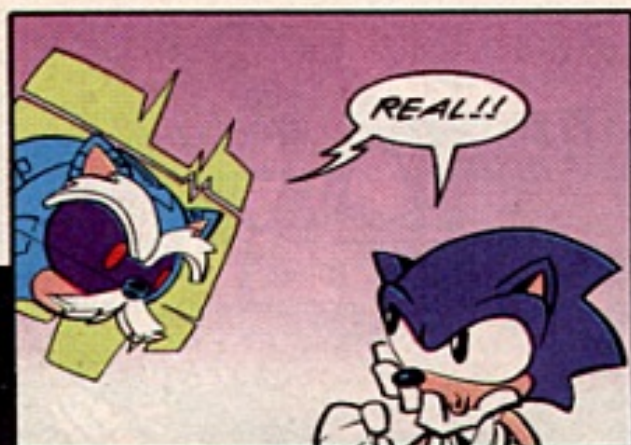


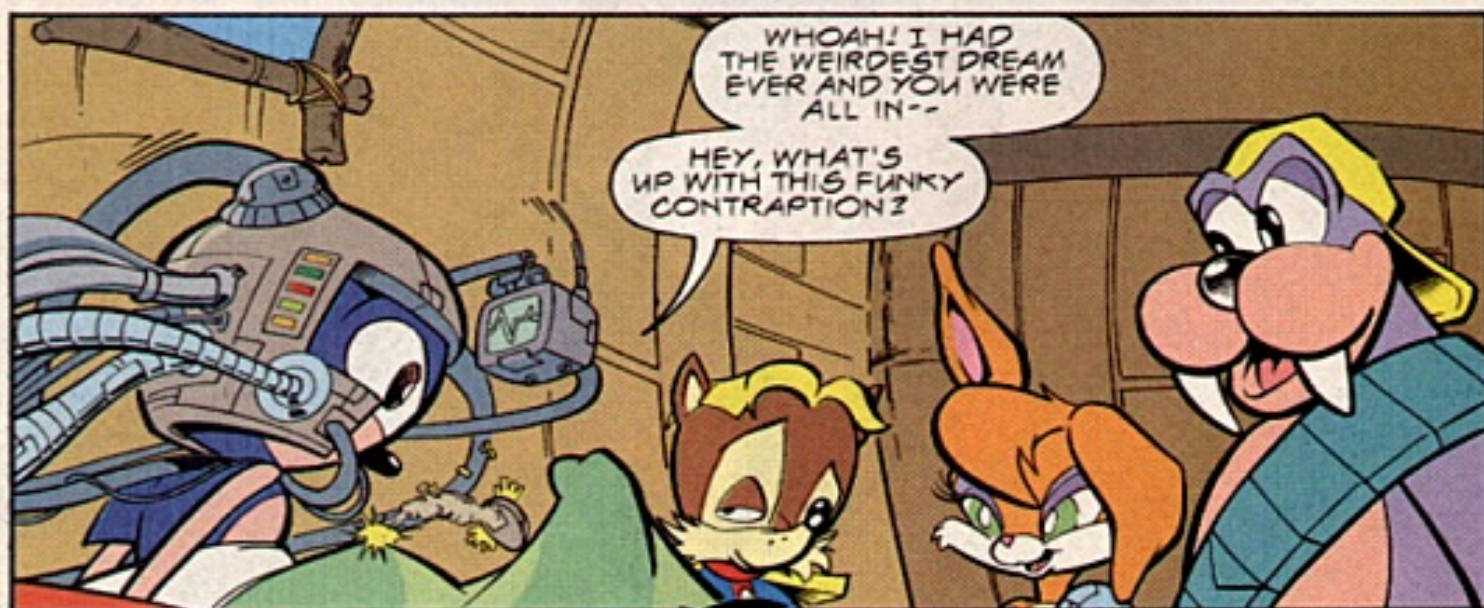
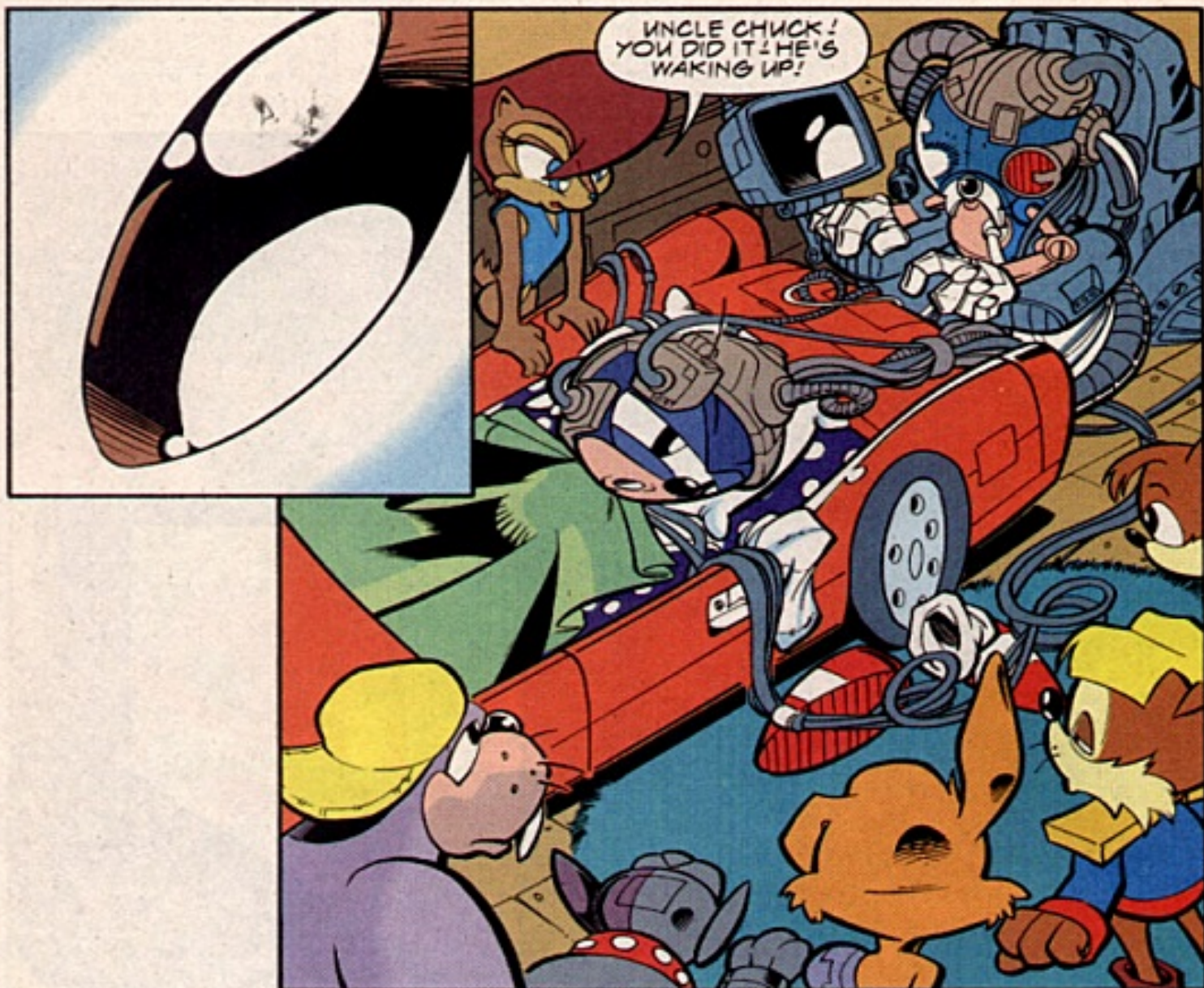
LIKE, THIS ISN'T
REGISTERING ON THE
COOLNESS SCALE AT
ALL! BETRAYED BY MY
BEST FRIENDS WHILE
BUTTNIK OVERTAKES
KNOTHOLE!

"SOMETHING..."

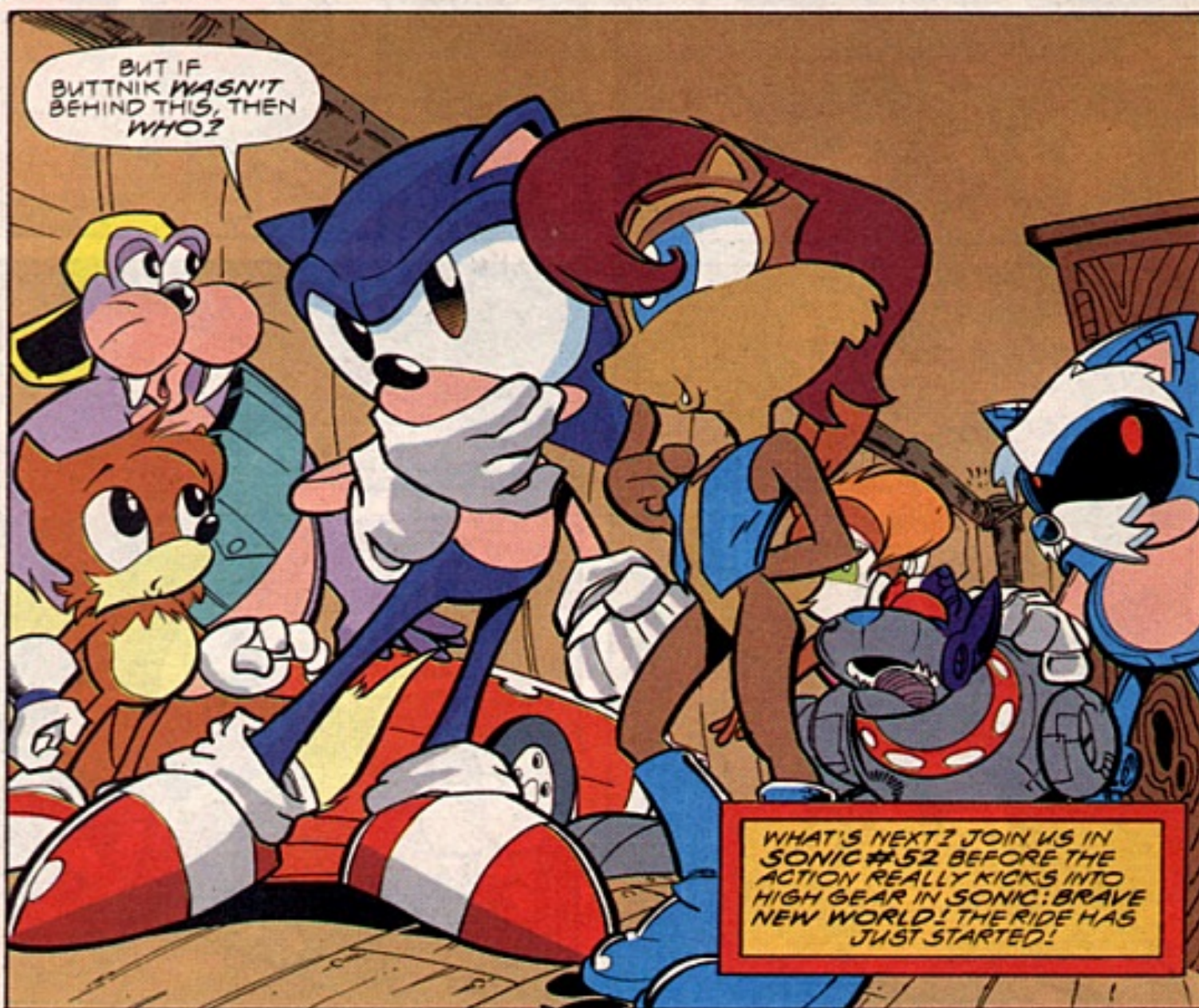
"...JUST..."

"...ISN'T..."









SONIC-GRAMS

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THIS JUST IN!

Lots of Sonic & Knuckles news so let's get right to it:



KNUCKLES
THE ECHIDNA #6
ON SALE AUGUST 1997

Tons of stuff is happening on Mobius. Robotnik is gone—who knows where? Snively is still at large. Knothole is in its own pocket zone three hours into the future. (The only way in and out is through the great oak slide.) All of Robotnik's sub-bosses are trying to hold on to the power over their land. Some of them want what Robotnik had: power over the entire planet of Mobius. You thought **The Freedom Fighters** had it tough while Robotnik was in charge? Like the man said, "You 'ain't seen nothing, yet!"

Two great stories appear next month!

A climactic continuation of "The Lost Paradise" storyline that includes even more secrets beginning to unravel! **Knuckles** and his fellow echidnas are faced with a life and death situation that will have an effect on the future of Echidnaopolis no matter what happens! Written by Ken Penders. Art by Manny Galan and Andrew Pepoy. **KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA #6** is on sale August '97!



SONIC THE
HEDGEHOG #52
ON SALE AUGUST 1997

Take a walk on the wild side with **Sonic** as he steps into a zone that must be seen for yourself. Written by Tom Rolston. Art by Manny Galan and Jim Amash. Also meet some of the other **Freedom Fighters** of Mobius in this bonus story by Karl Bollers with art by Art Mawhinney and Jim Amash. **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #52** is on sale August '97!

The first in a series of quarterly specials!



SONIC SUPER
SPECIAL #1
A BRAVE NEW WORLD
ON SALE SEPTEMBER 1997

This one has it all, fans. The **Freedom Fighters** travel into **Robotropolis** to assess the amount of damage done to their former city of **Mobotropolis**. But what kind of surprises await them? And are they friendly or deadly? Also, witness Sonic meet — uh, uh,ahhh — that would be telling. All we can say is that no Sonic fan would want to miss this issue! Story and art by Ken Penders. **SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #1: A BRAVE NEW WORLD** is on sale September '97!

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Sonic's back on the letters page scene! Missed me? I know Antoine, Tails and Bunnie took care of you while I was -ahem- away, but "there ain't nothing like the real thing, baby!" So let's get this show on the road...

Dear Sonic,

You are cool!

Edmund Murphy (Age 4)
Orlando, FL

So are you, Edmund!

Dear Sonic- Grams,

Way to go on issue #44! Way cool idea for the Sunken Island, Atlantopolis! Can't wait for Knuckles series to get under way! Sally and Tails should have been so lucky. Anywho, you've got me excited and concerned for issue #50. Excited in the fact that this is sure to be the biggest and best Sonic story to date. Concerned that it may be the last! (I don't like the way "End Game" sounds.) Please pay my compliments to Spaz. He really draws Sonic with a homage to his Japanese origins under the boundless mind of the great Yuji Naka.

Sonic-cerely,
Green Gibbon!

The Green Gibbon, eh? Now that's original. As you can see, #50 was not the last Sonic story, but I think it was one of the biggest and best. Of course, we're just getting warmed up. Stick around, Mr. Gibbon (may I call you Green?), as future issues keep you as concerned and excited as last issue did.

Dear Sonic The Hedgehog,

I've just read SONIC #44! It was cool! At first I thought the "evil" Sonic and Knuckles were just Robotnik's robot duplicates. I'd like to see Tails do something exciting! And I think you and Knuckles should fight more often. You always beat him with that "figure 8" move.

Godwin Park (Age 12)
Los Angeles, CA

Thanks there, Godwin. The next letter is about the SONIC LIVE! Special #1...

Dear Sonic Live!

Whoa, was Sonic Live! #1 ever so cool! I loved it. Though I thought Sonic would have been sucked into our dimension instead of Steve and Jessie into Sonic's. I hope you plan to make a sequel. It's about time Larry Linx and Cyril made another appearance. Now all you need to do is get Al and Cal in a story as well. KnucklesQuest 2 was my favorite, mostly because it was drawn by Pat Spaziante himself. Until next time...

Kathleen D. Najera
Lakewood, CA

Larry and Cyril are cool, aren't they? You'll be surprised to know that plans are already in the works for the return of Al and Cal (from SONIC #2) later this year. Though I got to tell you, you've never seen Al and Cal this way before. Read future Sonic-Grams for more details as they come.



Dear Sonic,

My name is Jessica and I live in Guam. In issue #44, I like it when "evil" Sonic says "Get out of my way, y'geek!" and then kicks the Swatbot. And now three questions: 1) What's Robotnik made out of? 2) Why is that road in the sky? 3) What

thing did Robotnik use to roboticize you? (I don't have #39 yet) Did you know I call Robotnik "Ro-buttnik," too? On your great video game "Sonic 2," I could get to the last level! About that Ultra Sonic trick, could you teach me that? Ha! Just kidding! Well, I'll be seeing you!

Jessica Tangzay
tangzay@kuentos.guam.net

What's Robotnik made out of? Hmm. Never thought about that. What are you made out of? 2) The road in the sky isn't a road and that's not a sky, it's the Cosmic Interstate. It takes you into all the different Sonic realities. However, it doesn't take you into different zones. 3) Robotnik used his patented roboticizer on me. It wasn't pretty.

The following is an excerpt from a Sonic internet-chat in which Juan F. Lara said:

"Hmm. I wonder if END GAME will feature a "Sleeping Beauty" type scenario, with Sally falling under an indefinite sleeping spell. That way she won't REALLY be dead, but she'll be out of the way."

Juan was the first one who guessed right. Doctor Quack kept Sally in that "sleeping spell" condition, not only so Sally could heal properly, but also to convince Robotnik that she did die just the way he planned it. Unfortunately, everyone else was just as convinced. Her "spell" was broken by a kiss from her true love. Take a bow, Juan.

**See
you in
thirty!**